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BUILDING BLOCKS STUDENT WORKSHEET

Puzzling out your savings future

Saving money can help us get the things we want in life. Knowing what you're saving for and how much you need to save each month can make it easier to reach your savings goal.

Create the origami puzzle

Follow the instructions on the "Origami puzzle" page to create the puzzle.

Create your plan for saving

Use the origami puzzle to fill in the item, number of months, and price information in the table on the next page.

- Choose one of the items listed on the outside of the puzzle: Mountain bike, video game, headphones, or tablet computer.
 - Write the name of the item in the table's "Item" column.
 - Spell out the item, opening the puzzle back and forth each time you say a letter out loud.
- Choose a number from inside the puzzle.
 - Write this number in the "Months" column.
 - Open the puzzle back and forth the number of times chosen.
- Choose another number.
 - Unfold the puzzle flap under that number to find the dollar amount.
 - Write the dollar amount in the "Price" column.
- Calculate the amount you need to save each month by dividing the price by the number of months.



- Repeat the steps above until you've filled out the entire table.
 - Be sure to make different choices for each row in the table.

Item	Number of months	Price*	Amount you need to save each month
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			

*The prices on the puzzle are only examples for this activity. The items' actual costs may be higher or lower.

Reflection questions

1. How can having a plan for saving help you get the things you want in life?

2. What's something you'd like to save money for in the future?